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For : CARRIER HAVING IMMOBILIZED ANTIGENS OR ANTIBODIES AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement, filed February 28, 2002, and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, filed August 7, 2002, and pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner, which information was cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in connection with French family member Application No. FR 0115435:

Applicants note that the French Search Report cites documents that are already of record in the present application. Therefore, the French Search Report is being submitted to complete the record. However, a certification is not being made, because the documents are already of record. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that a fee should not be necessary for consideration of this disclosure statement, because the documents have already been considered

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by the Examiner. However, if any fee is necessary, authorization is provided herein to charge any necessary fee, including any fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

In order that the record is complete, Applicants note that:

GB 2293009 is cited as being a Category X document (particularly relevant when taken alone), making reference to the abstract, claims and examples, with respect to claims 1-30 of the French application.

U.S. Patent No. 5,897,953 is cited as being a Category A document (technical background), making reference to the abstract, with respect to claims 1 and 16 of the French application.

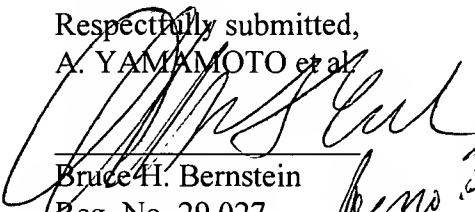
U.S. Patent No. 5,827,669 is cited as being a Category A document (technical background), making reference to the abstract and examples, with respect to claims 1 and 16 of the French application.

U.S. Patent No. 6,040,196 is cited as being a Category A document (technical background), making reference to the entire document, with respect to claims 1 and 16 of the French application.

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Should there be any questions regarding the above or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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